

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 21 November 1995
 Name of applicant/court: Comptroller of Customs
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
 Title of Publication: Diva Obsexion
 Other Known Titles: Not Stated
 Director: Not Applicable
 Producer: Not Applicable
 Publisher: Glittering Images
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: Book
 Country of Origin: Italy
 Language: Italian / English / French

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reasons(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book presents and discusses the sadistic treatment of women, as this has been presented in various mediums in an historical and geographical context. The book tends to support this theme of sadistic force against women, by endorsing the images as being legitimate modes of social entertainment. The text provides a context in which the theme is discussed as being a part of popular culture, and provides detailed references to access the material. This is considered to tend to support the use of violence or coercion to compel any person, in this case women, to participate in or submit to sexual conduct. In addition, within the sexualised context of Bondage and Discipline practice, the book contains a graphic exhibition of scenes of torture, the infliction of serious violence and extreme cruelty. These factors are discussed above under the relevant criteria and are considered to be supported by the sexualised imagery of the female victims.

The book as a whole presents a relished view of violence and sexual violence against women. Therefore, the availability of the publication is considered to be likely to be injurious to the public good and is classified objectionable.

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